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DepO 1650.18A

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JAN 29 2002

DEPOT ORDER 1650.18A

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE CORPS DRILL INSTRUCTOR RIBBON (MCDIR)

Ref: (a) CMC msg 141700Z Aug 97 (ALMAR 262/97)
(b) CMC msg 270900Z Jul 99 (MARADMIN 335/99)

1. Situation. Reference (a) announced the establishment of the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon (MCDIR) retroactive to 6 October 1952. Reference (b) provided guidance on additional billets eligible for award.

2. Cancellation. DepO 1650.18

3. Mission. To provide amplifying instructions regarding the awarding of the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent. Marines possessing the 8511 MOS who have served a successful tour are eligible to receive the MCDIR. The accurate and timely delivery of this award is important in acknowledging the hard work and long hours put in by our instructors on the drill field.

b. Concept of Operations

(1) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1. Maintain oversight and cognizance of the MCRDSD awards program, including the awarding of the MCDIR.

(2) Assistant Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Community Services. Ensure an ample supply of the subject ribbon is available for purchase at the Marine Corps Exchange.

(3) Commanding Officers

(a) Ensure Service Record Books/Officer Qualification Records are screened to appropriately identify those Marines eligible to receive the MCDIR.

(b) Submit waiver requests via the chain of command and include the appropriate recommendation.

5. Administration and Logistics. Specific award criteria are as follows.

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a. Eligibility. Marines possessing an 8511 MOS, who have served in an 8511 billet, and who have completed a successful tour are eligible to receive the MCDIR.

b. Successful Tour

(1) Projected Detachment Date. The Marine's projected detachment date from drill instructor duty is considered the end of a qualifying tour of duty.

(a) Personnel transferred prior to the projected rotation date are authorized to receive the MCDIR upon completion of 20 months (for those who received the 8511 MOS prior to December 1996)

(b) Personnel transferred prior to the projected rotation date are authorized to receive the MCDIR upon completion of 30 months (for those who received the 8511 MOS after December 1996).

(2) Relief for Cause or Good of Service. Personnel transferred due to Relief for Cause or Good of Service are not eligible to receive the MCDIR.

c. Additional Billets. Marines serving in the additional billets outlined in references (a) and (b) are required to serve a total of 18 cumulative months in those billets in order to be eligible for the MCDIR.

d. Waiver Requests. Per reference (a), the Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot/Western Recruiting Region has the authority to approve waivers of eligibility criteria.

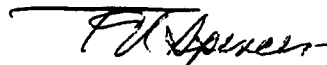
(1) All requests will be forwarded via the chain of command.

(2) Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and the Western Recruiting Region.

b. Signal. This Order is effective on the date signed.


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Chief of Staff

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